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UEMS strategy

Thank you for your letter looking at UEMS' future strategy. The Swedish Medical Association would like to propose a topic for the discussion for UEMS' future strategy at the upcoming Council meeting in Brussels.

The lack of measures taken on CPD after the amendment of Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications

According to article 22 b on the Directive 2013/55/EU amending Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications:

Member States shall, in accordance with the procedures specific to each Member State, ensure, by encouraging continuous professional development, that professionals whose professional qualification is covered by Chapter III of this Title, are able to update their knowledge, skills and competences in order to maintain a safe and effective practice and keep abreast of professional developments.

Member States were to communicate to the Commission the measures taken pursuant the article by January 2016.

In Sweden, the government concluded that healthcare professionals already have the opportunity to pursue CPD to the extent that they can keep up with developments in their profession. The government agreed with the National Board of Health and Welfare's assessment that it is not necessary, or not appropriate, with further and more detailed regulation of CPD. Therefore, some further measures aimed at encouraging CPD were not necessary for the requirements of Article 22b to be considered fulfilled.

The Swedish Medical Association (SMA) believes that the government's assertion is incorrect, as the association in education surveys to its members can show that the number of days for CPD has fallen drastically in recent years. According to the SMA, the Swedish state must take greater responsibility for doctors' continuous professional development by

deciding on a regulation, which clearly states that each specialist doctor should have an individual training plan that is followed up and revised regularly.

The SMA would like to propose UEMS to pursue this topic on the UEMS European strategy. We look forward to discussing the UEMS' future strategy with colleagues at the Council meeting in Brussels.

Your sincerely,



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